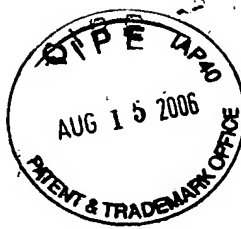


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COMMENTS ON EXAMINER'S STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Sir:

In reply to the Notice of Allowance dated May 18, 2006, consideration of the following comments is respectfully requested.

In the Notice of Allowability, the Examiner has set forth "Reasons for Allowance" which describe aspects of the claimed invention, but omit other aspects. Applicants respectfully traverse the expressed reasons for allowance. Specifically, it is submitted that the subject matter of the allowed claims are patentable for their respective recitations of claimed combinations as a whole, without any particular criticality or distinguishing feature being attributable to any one or more of such features, and without any narrowing interpretation being imposed on any of such features. Furthermore, Applicants also submit that the dependent claims are allowable not only for their dependence on the allowed independent claims, but also for the additional subject matter recited in each of those dependent claims.

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